

## More rain forecast; Kinneret level rises

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — The Meteorological Service's statistics on this year's snow show that most areas in the country have received about as much as they do in an average year, except for the crucial Kinneret and for reservoirs. North's rainfall provides water for Kinneret and for reservoirs, which water is drawn for the water carrier during the winter.

The weatherman said rain could be expected tomorrow and Saturday.

The central coastal plain — from Haifa to Ashdod — had had some 300 mm. of rain by yesterday, which is between 75 and 80 per cent of the annual average, according to the Meteorological Service. Tel Aviv, with 423 mm., received 78 per cent; Jerusalem 410 mm., — 84 per cent; Gaza 256 mm., or 63 per cent.

Mr. Meron, which lies just west of Lake Kinneret, has received 576 mm., only 41 per cent of its annual average.

The continuing rain of the past days has improved the water situation somewhat, and has saved winter grain and forage crops. Water level of Lake Kinneret is 4 cm. on Tuesday — a rise of 8 cm. in the past 24 hours. Yesterday, Mekorot stopped pumping water for irrigation (it

had to pump 3m. cubic metres last week).

The Menezhe water project, largest in the country, has reported its reservoirs were filling at the rate of 10,000 cubic metres per hour.

In Jerusalem yesterday, the Church of the Blessed Virgin in Gethsemane was flooded with 20 centimetres of water. The water was pumped out by Municipal emergency teams. The church, which is located below the level of the Jericho Road, has been flooded frequently in the past. Last year extensive damage was caused by water five metres deep. The church is shared by Armenian and Greek Orthodox communities. It is venerated by Christians as the site of the tomb of the Virgin Mary.

The rain flooded major roads causing serious traffic jams. At Rehovot, scores of vehicles were trapped in a traffic pile-up for more than an hour near the intersection with Sderot Ben-Zvi. Cars attempting to turn sank into the mud on the shoulders of the road and blocked the roadways. No police were on hand to disentangle the traffic.

In the Old City, two apartments were flooded and their residents evacuated by the Municipality.

The employment of Kinneret heaters in the wake of the cold led to a number of fires yesterday in the city. Some 200 girl students at the Beit David religious school at 25 Rehov Hapizga were temporarily evacuated when a fire broke out in the apartment of the school caretaker. Firemen estimated damage at IL5,000-10,000.

## Nahal Yam will be disbanded

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — A Nahal outpost on the northern Sinai coast will be disbanded and replaced by a civilian fishing village, authoritative sources confirmed yesterday.

The decision is clearly based on Government policy which leaves the political future of Sinai completely open. Official spokesmen have gone out of their way to stress there is no intention of abandoning the site of Nahal Yam. At the same time there is no plan to make it a permanent settlement.

Nahal Yam was set up in 1968 at Lake Bardawil on the Mediterranean coast midway between the Suez Canal and El Arish, one of the first settlements outside the pre-1967 border and the first in Sinai.

**FISHING FAILURE**  
Jitta's correspondent in Gaza quotes the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department as stating that the decision to disband the settlement grew out of the failure to develop a profitable fishing industry. This required a high degree of professional competence and round the clock fishing. The Nahal youngsters worked only eight hours a day and averaged 30 tons of fish a year — about 3 1/2 per cent of the potential catch.

The settlers claim they have not been given the same support granted other settlements outside the Green Line.

Speculation that the move meant Nahal Yam was excluded from Israel's future borders has met with an angry reaction from the office of Minister Yisrael Galili, head of the Cabinet's Settlement Committee, which claimed that economic considerations alone — and not map drawing — prompted the decision.

## 'Gov't creating millionaires' Ben-Aharon attacks Sapir's economic policy

By MARK SEGAL  
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon yesterday delivered a savage attack on Prime Minister Golda Meir and her economic policies, which he decried as "socialism in reverse."

Referring to Mr. Sapir by name, he decried "one-man rule of the economy" and said the nation was being "plunged into rich and poor."

Mr. Ben-Aharon was addressing a "Right" ideological circle of the Histadrut Party chaired by Herta and Paul Amir and including a number of former senior army officers now occupying senior positions in government and industry. One member is the Minister's special aide, Aluf Dan Alon.

Mr. Ben-Aharon spoke at length of the economy, declaring: "We have imported our millionaires. We have made money in this country without government permission, at that is determined by two or three persons."

"Someone exists, who with his black book hands out thousands at a time," he said. "Regretting his failure to have his social reforms adopted by the Histadrut, Mr. Ben-Aharon declared: The Histadrut does not operate a presidency, while a neo-presidential system does exist in our government, as elsewhere, where the owners are focused on the profits and finance ministers."

Mr. Ben-Aharon charged that

Government policy had produced "socialism in reverse by expropriating public funds for the enrichment of a few. This policy encourages the nation into rich and poor. We live in an unequal situation, created out of Hollywood. Our living standards are based on funds mobilized for the rich and those close to the officers get rich. Public money gets wasted and the new rich waste like a cancer in the national bloodstream."

Mr. Ben-Aharon pointed to "80-70,000 families living in poverty" and "this terrible disgrace of 80,000-40,000 boys and girls, at this very hour, wasting away on the fringes of our society in Musara, in Be'er and in Hatzor." Declaring his intention of intensifying his campaign, he will raise his voice to an ever higher crescendo.

"I demand that his party decide on 'whether we want a capitalist, acquisitive society. I say there can be no coexistence. We conceded there must be a pluralist economy, wall and good. But what we have today is against Social Zionism. We need a planned and guided economy with a ceiling on what people may earn."

He inveighed against double standards — one for wage-earners and the other for the well-off, noting "Oh yes, I know how little made IL30m-IL40m. from its monopoly position in a closed market." He complained that neither the Bank of Israel nor the Finance Ministry even publish figures on profit margins but only about wages. Mr. Ben-Aharon warned that Israel would not attract immigrants "if it only becomes a provincial copy of American or European society."

Later he spelled out his call for unilateral withdrawal, specifying this time "we might yet tell 600,000 Arabs in the West Bank to go back to Jordan."

Mr. Ben-Aharon became angry when asked by Aharon Schlinger, a Tel Aviv high school principal: "Why does Shikun Ovdim (of the Histadrut) build homes mainly for the nouveau riche you attack? Why do Histadrut company directors live like the effendis you inveigh against? Why doesn't Kupat Holim step in to ameliorate the lot of the poor, instead of bogging everything down in its bureaucracy?"

Mr. Ben-Aharon: "Your charges are unfounded."

Mayor Meron wished to know whether Mr. Ben-Aharon believed that the directed and guided economy could be obtained without compulsory and undemocratic methods. The Histadrut chief responded: "Some big experts claim that the Israeli economy is too much directed, but not at all planned, and that initiative is smothered. What is at stake is our national purpose."

(Histadrut Elections, Page 2)

## Sheikh Mujib sweeps in



Sheikh Mujibur Rahman photographed yesterday while casting his ballot in Bangladesh's first general elections. (AP)

DACCA (UPI). — Sheikh Mujibur Rahman yesterday won a five-year term as Prime Minister and an overwhelming majority in the new 300-seat parliament in the first election since Bangladesh became a sovereign state.

Incomplete returns showed Sheikh Mujib's ruling Awami League would win at least 290 seats in parliament which under a new constitution will convene within 30 days. Balloting was relatively peaceful despite a campaign marred by violence and politically motivated murders.

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## 'N.Y. Times' Kissinger said preparing for M.E. initiative

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter  
Authoritative Government sources in Jerusalem had no information by last night that could confirm the report in yesterday's "New York Times" that U.S. President Nixon had instructed his National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger to prepare his staff for negotiations on the Middle East.

The "New York Times" senior columnist, James Reston, wrote yesterday that Mr. Kissinger is "now quietly reorganizing his White House staff and, on instructions from the President, is preparing for an intensive period of negotiations on U.S. relations with Western Europe, Japan and the Middle East."

According to Reston, one of the main points Mr. Kissinger would have to decide is whether the U.S. should become an active factor in Middle East negotiations, exercising pressure to bring about a compromise solution between Israel and the Arab States. Such a decision may also involve a U.S. guarantee for Israel's security, including readiness to station American soldiers in the region, Reston says.

Washington sees a direct link between Europe and the Middle East, particularly in view of what has become known as the "energy crisis" which gives added weight to the oil-rich Arab countries. The U.S. Administration will have to decide soon how to continue its support for Israel, and at the same time obtain increasing quantities of Arab oil, Reston writes. However, Henry Kissinger is due to go on vacation for several weeks and any reorganization of his staff would wait until April or May, James Reston, who is known to meet with him regularly, says.

The Jerusalem sources said clarification of the "New York Times" report would have to wait until after Premier Golda Meir's return from the U.S. at the end of the week.

**Woman wins record £550,000 on U.K. pools**  
LONDON (AP). — A London woman learned yesterday she had broken a world record by winning £547,172 on Britain's football pools.

She immediately cloaked herself in secrecy.

The woman won by correctly forecasting the maximum number of 23 soccer matches which ended with both sides scoring the same number of goals on Saturday.

The woman's prize beats by almost £5,000 the previous record, set last week.

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**Lindsay won't seek re-election**  
NEW YORK (UPI). — Mayor John V. Lindsay announced yesterday he will not seek re-election for a third term in office, saying "eight years is long enough for one man."



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## Six Sudanese arrested for Fatah connections

By ANAN SAFADI  
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter  
President Ja'far e-Numeiri has ordered the arrest of six Sudanese for their connections with the Fatah terrorist organization, the Khartoum press reported yesterday. The arrests follow the Sudanese leader's charge on Tuesday that Fatah masterminded the Black September attack on the Saudi Arabian embassy in Khartoum last weekend.

Khartoum dailies indicated that most of the Sudanese detainees, accused of plotting against the Numeiri Government, were employed by Libya. Two of them reportedly worked at the Libyan embassy in Khartoum.

The action came after documents were seized at the Fatah office in Khartoum, which was ordered closed after the terrorist raid on the embassy. President Numeiri charged that the attack was part of a large-scale conspiracy aimed at several countries, including Sudan.

The arrests heralded a Sudanese crackdown on Libya agents whose contacts with the terrorists indicated subversive activity against Numeiri's regime. The arrests took place on the background of Sudan's strained relations with both Libya and Egypt, whose projected merger Numeiri refused to join.

The semi-official Khartoum daily "Al-Ayyam" yesterday hinted that Libya has been collecting "secrets"

on the Sudan. The paper recalled that a former Sudanese Treasury Minister, Colonel Mohammed Abdul-Halim, who fled to Libya last year while serving in the government had been "conveying Sudanese economic secrets abroad." The paper also charged that Abdul-Halim had illegally transferred money out of the Sudan, and accused him of having contact with the Fatah "saboteurs."

Yesterday a government three-man committee, chaired by the State Prosecutor, began its investigation of the eight terrorists who took part in the weekend operation which cost the lives of three Western diplomats.

The procedure is apparently a prelude to charging the terrorists with murder and violation of state security. Such charges are punishable by death.

In Beirut, a newspaper with close contacts with the terrorists said yesterday that the Black September group had planned to kidnap U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers during a tour he made to the Persian Gulf Arab states last July. The paper, "Al-Anwar," said the terrorist gang planned to hold Mr. Rogers hostage for the release of Sirhan Sirhan, the convicted assassin of Senator Robert Kennedy. The release of Sirhan was among the demands made by the terrorists during their Khartoum operation last weekend. (Details of Khartoum massacre, p. 4)

## Paris Arabs stage sit-in over Jordanian sentences

PARIS (Reuters). — About 40 Arab students and workers yesterday ended a seven-hour occupation of the Arab League offices here with a call to King Hussein to release the 3,000 Palestinian and Jordanian prisoners in danger of liquidation in his country.

The unarmed group of demonstrators, who occupied the offices yesterday morning, while Arab Ambassadors to France were holding a meeting there, left without incident after holding an impromptu press conference. A spokesman for the group said: "We asked the ambassadors to demand that their governments intervene to protest against the death sentences on Abu Daud (Mohammed Daud Oudeh), the Palestinian leader arrested and tortured by the Jordanian regime."

Before occupying the offices the demonstrators presented their demands to all the ambassadors present except the Jordanian envoy to whom they refused to speak.

**Our Arab Affairs Reporter adds:**  
The terrorists last night said they rejected King Hussein's offer to spare the lives of Abu Daud and a score of his comrades in return for a terrorist pledge to cease all subversive activity against Jordan. In a broadcast over their Cairo-based radio the terrorists said that they refused to bargain on their "revolutionary" strategy against Israel and "imperialist hirelings" in the Arab countries.

In Kuwait, the Foreign Ministry yesterday informed the Palestine Liberation Organization of the condition King Hussein made after the broadcast over their Cairo-based radio the terrorists said that they refused to bargain on their "revolutionary" strategy against Israel and "imperialist hirelings" in the Arab countries.

If Kuwait fails to achieve a terrorist undertaking to cease their anti-Jordanian campaigns, Hussein might well issue an order to execute the terrorists.

## China raps Soviet name changes

TOKYO (AP). — China yesterday sharply denounced a Soviet decision to change the names of a number of towns in the Soviet far-eastern region from Chinese to Russian as an attempt to override Chinese border claims.

Hsinhua, the official Chinese news agency, said the decision was reported in the first issue of the bulletin of the Supreme Soviet.

In a long commentary on what it described as "this despicable trick" Hsinhua approvingly quoted a "New York Times" appraisal that the decision "would appear to be aimed at removing evidence that the region was once Chinese." Hsinhua said "this goes right to the heart

of the matter."

It continued: "To defend Tsarist Russia's crimes of aggression against China, the Soviet revisionists have for many years resorted to every means to tamper with history by uttering the big lie that the land north of the Heilung river and east of the Wusuli (Ussuri) has been ownerless and was first opened up by Tsarist Russia. According to the Soviet revisionists, not only the Hans but even the Manchus had never lived in these places."

"If this was the case, wouldn't it be a bitter irony if these places kept their Han or Manchu names? So they have to be renamed," Hsinhua said.

## BOMBS FOUND OUTSIDE THREE ISRAEL OFFICES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK (AP). — Police early yesterday dismantled an elaborate network of explosives set to go off in the trunks of three cars parked outside the El Al terminal at Kennedy Airport, and near two Israeli bank offices in midtown Manhattan. Bomb squad officers rushed to the airport terminal after police received a tip from the FBI at 11:15 p.m. Tuesday (New York time).

Police said the bomb experts forced open the trunk of a rented green Plymouth sedan and found five-gallon plastic containers of gasoline and two 20-pound bottles of propane gas.

They said all the materials were attached to blasting caps and timing devices. According to Israel Radio, FBI agents said the explosives were set to go off at any moment.

The car had been rented from Avis.

It was not immediately known how the FBI agents learned of the bomb.

**NO ARRESTS**  
A police spokesman said no arrests had been made so far and investigations were continuing.

An El Al spokesman said yesterday that the "terrorist effort was thwarted due to the alertness and combined efforts of local, federal and Israel security services. There were no damage, no injuries and no effect on El Al operations."

According to Israel Radio's New York correspondent Haim Yavin, two similar cars were found the same night in front of the midtown New York offices of Bank Leumi and the Discount Bank. No mention was made yesterday in the New York press or radio of these two cars, Yavin said, and most of the staff and customers in the two banks knew nothing about them.

New York police refused to comment on the reports of the bombs in front of the Israeli banks, which are both located on Fifth Avenue.

## Washington buries slain diplomats

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The two U.S. diplomats murdered by Black September terrorists in Khartoum last week were buried yesterday with full military honors in Arlington Cemetery — the resting place of American heroes.

Secretary of State William Rogers, who has demanded the death penalty for the killers, led State Department officials and diplomats in mourning the Ambassador to the Sudan, Cleo Noel, and his deputy, George Curtis Moore. The two men were laid to rest side by side, only a short distance from the graves of President John Kennedy and his brother Robert, themselves cut down by assassins' bullets. The personal representative of Sudanese President Ja'far e-Numeiri, Abdel Rahman Abdullah, was among the hundreds of people who attended the funerals.

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## Co-pilot much improved, two other survivors go home today

Jerusalem Post Staff

The co-pilot of the downed Libyan plane, Yunis el-Mehdi, was moved yesterday to Hadassah Hospital's orthopedic ward for ordinary treatment of his fractures, as two other survivors in Beersheba got ready for their trip home today.

Mehdi, who was taken off the critical list on Monday night, had been in the Jerusalem hospital's intensive respiratory care unit since being transferred there from Beersheba's Soroka Medical Centre on February 28. Hadassah Hospital sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the co-pilot was now wholly out of danger. Treatment now centres on his two broken legs, which are both in casts, the hospital said.

Meanwhile, two of the five survivors still in Beersheba — Egyptian hotel employee Muhammad el-Shariya and Libyan mechanic Fathi el-Kom — were scheduled to be flown by helicopter this morning to Kantara, on the Suez Canal, for transfer to Egypt at noon. The transfer of the two men, who have been up and about for a week, is being supervised by the Red Cross. No change was reported yesterday in the condition of the other three survivors at Soroka. A fourth man, steward Jean-Pierre Burdard, was flown home to France on Monday.

## Shamgar in charge of arranging ex-gratia payments

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Attorney-General Meir Shamgar has been put in charge of all negotiations with the Red Cross and other international organizations to effect the transfer of the ex-gratia payments to the dependants of the Libyan plane crash victims and the seven injured survivors.

The special Ministerial Committee, headed by Justice Minister Ya'acov Shimshon Shapira, decided on Tuesday to set these payments at \$30,000 for the dependants of each fatality, and from \$10,000 to \$30,000 to each of the seven injured survivors, depending on the extent of their suffering and disabilities.

Mr. Shamgar, who will act in close coordination with the Legal Adviser of the Foreign Ministry, Meir Rosensaft, expected to contact the Red Cross today or tomorrow to start negotiations without delay.

## 'Israel wants to buy world's conscience'

CAIRO (UPI). — Israel's offer to pay compensation to the families of the 105 persons killed aboard the Libyan airliner forced down by Israeli fighters, is an attempt to "buy the world's conscience," a government spokesman said on Tuesday night.

By making such an offer Israel thinks that it can silence the world's anger, the spokesman said.

## MENACHEM BAR-LEV, MINISTER'S FATHER, BURIED IN TEL AVIV

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Acting Prime Minister Yigal Alon and other Ministers, and the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, were among the hundreds of mourners at the funeral yesterday of Menachem Bar-Lev, father of Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev. Menachem Bar-Lev was 77 when he died.

Born in Poland, he came to this country in 1940. He is survived by two sons and a daughter. Burial was at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery here.



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## Histadrut elections will be held on time—Ben-Aharon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon yesterday insisted the Histadrut elections will be held "on time." He said reports that the polling would be postponed until after October's Knesset elections were "malicious."

However, he obtained the approval of a special session of the Histadrut Executive to postpone since the Histadrut Council which was to convene today to approve changes in the electoral rules. Mr. Ben-Aharon explained that the preparatory committee "simply failed to produce a set of proposals, and therefore the Council would have nothing to discuss." Aharon Harel, chairman of the committee, said the delay was necessary to achieve a "greater unity of views" among the factions in the Histadrut.

Were the Histadrut elections for the 12th convention to be held on September 11, under the new rules,

## Policeman took 'protection' money from prostitutes

TEL AVIV. — A former policeman who took "protection" money from prostitutes was sentenced to 15 months in prison by the District Court here yesterday.

The man, Yehuda Hazan, 32, from Bat Yam, was charged with having taken money from prostitutes whom he detained in Jaffa, where he worked in 1971, in order to let them go. Hazan admitted the charges and said he had been under financial strain at the time. He also presented a document from the army, stating that he had "a weak character."

The judge, on seeing the document, expressed surprise that the police saw fit to employ such a person. He said it was presumably difficult to be a policeman when he has to come in contact with criminals for whom the policeman's salary is a mere pittance, but one who cannot withstand the temptation should not serve on the force.

He noted that the offence in this case was doubly serious, since prostitutes are among the most persecuted persons in the country, and cannot fight back.

## Eight years for violent procurer

TEL AVIV. — A Kfar Saba man who forced a girl into prostitution and injured a man who tried to help her was sentenced to eight years in prison by the District Court yesterday — four years on each charge.

The man, Avraham Alhazani, 21, was charged with taking the girl to various places and forcing her to remain there, nude, and "receive" customers, while he collected the fees. In one of those places, a shack on the beach at Herzliya, the "customer" waived the girl's services and offered to help her, but Alhazani attacked him with a broken bottle.

## Bomb at home of cafe owner

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAHARIYA. — Six local residents were arrested here yesterday in connection with a handgrenade which exploded on the balcony of a Rehov Herzl apartment at four a.m.

The grenade, thrown at the home of a local cafe owner, Yosef Vannou, 28, caused little damage. Police established it was of Israeli manufacture, of a type which the army has long ceased to use.

All the suspects are men under 30. Police believe the grenade was thrown to "settle accounts" in the wake of a dispute between Vannou and other local cafe owners, with whom he recently quarrelled.

A small explosive charge went off harmlessly last night outside a house in the Arab village of Beit Safafa, on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Deputy Jerusalem Police Commander Sgan-Nitzav Avraham Turjuman said police believed the explosion at the home of Habib Mustafa Dib, was due to a quarrel between neighbours.

## Gaza taxes going up

ASHKELON. — Taxes in Gaza will rise by about 40 per cent next year, if the Military Government approves the budget prepared by the town's appointed council.

The draft budget, prepared with the participation of Gaza's Israeli civilian administrator, Uri Chechik, represents a rise of 60 per cent — to IL1.5m., as against this year's IL1m. Most of the rise is due to an increase in municipal employees' salaries, which went up by about 40 per cent when they were equated some months ago with the pay of workers in the Gaza Strip's civilian administration. Another factor is the improvement in local services, which now go also to residents of the Shati refugee camp.

The Gaza Municipality has been operating under an appointed council since ex-Mayor Rashad Shawa resigned last autumn over the Military Government's inclusion of the Shati camp within Gaza town. Work has reportedly been unaffected by recent terrorist violence against several local political figures. (Ithm)

## 'Last Tango' gets London green light

LONDON (AP). — London City Council gave "Last Tango in Paris," the controversial film starring Marlon Brando, permission early yesterday to show in the city's cinemas after a bitter debate that ended after midnight.

A bid by anti-pornography crusader Councillor Frank Smith, a lay preacher, to ban the film was soundly defeated. The Council, only six weeks ago, banned the film version of "Oh Calcutta" as too "filthy and debased."

## Chinese seaman rescued by helicopter

GAZA. — A Chinese seaman who was injured aboard a Greek vessel anchored offshore at Gaza was taken to hospital by an Israeli Air Force helicopter yesterday.

The sailor, Chou U-lee, 25, employed aboard the Greek ship m.s. Fungang, which brought a cargo of cement to Gaza, fell into the hold and lost consciousness. The ship has been anchored offshore because of the storms, unable to unload its cargo.

Since the storm made it impossible to reach the ship by boat, the Air Force sent a helicopter which lowered one of its crew with a stretcher, and lifted the injured sailor out of the hold. He was flown to Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer.

## RELIGIOUS M.K. CHARGES: 'Special advantages given to U.S. Reform movement'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

An N.R.P. Knesset member charged yesterday that the authorities were granting the American Jewish Reform movement special advantages and that Labour's Shmuel Hakvutzi Vehakibutzim kibbutz federation was destined to serve as a cover organization for Reform propaganda in this country.

Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir, a U.S.-educated M.K. belonging to the National Religious Party's "Young Guard," told *The Jerusalem Post* he had heard from an "unimpeachable source" in the U.S. that the Israeli Government had given the Reform movement a 13-dunam building plot, free, in the heart of Jerusalem.

The N.R.P. Knesset member also said Shmuel Hakvutzi Vehakibutzim was planning to promote the work of Reform Judaism in Israel, and give it a powerful source of support "by taking Reform under its wing." He did not specify what form the support which he had learned of from his U.S. source would take.

Dr. Ben-Meir, who incorporated some of these charges in a parliamentary question to Prime Minister Golda Meir, was mainly anxious to know if other U.S. Jewish organizations would be given similar facilities.

## Rishon teachers hold one-day warning strike

RISHON LEZION. — Five schools here and one in Petah Tikva were closed down yesterday as a result of a teachers' boycott to protest the fact that they have still not received their February pay cheques.

The teachers went out on a one-day warning strike. Four elementary schools in Rishon were completely closed, one was partially closed, and 25 kindergartens were also shut. In all, some 3,000 youngsters stayed home. In Petah Tikva six schools were closed.

The Ministry of Education promised that the pay would be forthcoming this morning, and the teachers will be back on the job today.

The teachers complain that for the past several months they have not been getting their pay on time — despite a standing agreement between their union and the Ministry of Education which stipulates that they must receive their salary by the fourth of every month.

The Ministry of Education says it is aware of the delays, but that they arise from a breakdown in the computer which processes the payments.

## Holland-Israel Davis Cup game here in late April

By JACK LEON

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Holland has confirmed to the Israel Lawn Tennis Association that it will play its second round Davis Cup tie against Israel in Ramat Gan in late April or early May.

The I.L.T.A. has also entered a team for the 10th annual Women's Federation Cup at Frankfurt, April 30-May 6. Association chairman Avram Feiger told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. This will be Israel's second appearance in the Federation Cup — the women's equivalent of the Davis Cup — following the country's debut in the competition at Johannesburg last year.

National coach and captain Ian Froman said women's tennis had made considerable strides here of late, particularly because of the impetus given the game by the recently formed Women's National Tennis League; this improvement fully merits Israel's participation in West Germany, he said. In addition, Israel's prospects for the event have been strengthened by the return home from America in January of former local girls' champion, and women's No. 2 Paulina Pelsachov, whose game improved greatly during her 3½ years at Arizona State University. (Miss Pelsachov's good results in local and district tournaments in the U.S. Southwest and in top-class collegiate tennis led to her being invited to play in last autumn's prestigious Virginia Slims professional championships at Phoenix.)

Mr. Froman told *The Post* that a five-strong Israel squad is starting immediate training for Frankfurt. They are Tova Epstein and Mara Cohen-Mintz (who, with Gillian Kay, made up Israel's Federation Cup team last year), and Paulina Pelsachov, Tamar Sendik and highly promising National Junior Champion Rofit Heller.

Meanwhile, the Association's selection committee has named a squad of six for the European Zone Davis Cup tie against Holland: Yehoshua Shalem, Yosef Stabshov, Yair Wertheimer, Ronny Lerner, Nissim Asatrouk and Danny Kalovsky. Reuven Porges, who would have been on the squad, started his army service in late February and so could not be included. The final team of four to meet the Netherlands will be chosen at the end of April, after members of the squad have taken part in intensive training and a series of "round-robins" against each other.

## Kidron takes over at Foreign Office

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Avraham Kidron took up his duties this week as Acting Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, following the departure of the Director-General, Mordechai Gazit, to become Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office.

Mr. Kidron has been serving as Deputy Director-General in charge of administration. Under the civil service regulations he can remain Acting Director-General for up to three months before the Minister, Abba Eban, is required to make a permanent appointment — either Mr. Kidron or someone else. The Assistant Director-General in charge of North and South America, Ephraim Evron, has been mentioned as another possible candidate.

Mr. Gazit will spend three or four days next week with the outgoing Director-General of the Premier's Office, Simcha Diniz, briefing himself on his new functions. Mr. Gazit, like Mr. Diniz, will also serve as Premier Meir's political adviser.

Mr. Gazit formally takes over on March 15, and Mr. Diniz is expected to leave for Washington — where he is to be Israel's new ambassador — towards the month's end.

## If I Return To Israel, It Will Be Because Of:

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## Raya: No security threat in return to Ikrit, Bir'in

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Greek Catholic Archbishop Joseph Raya yesterday termed "absolutely" the Government's claim that security reasons bar letting the return of Bir'in and Ikrit villagers to their homes. He said the villagers were forced to leave 25 years ago.

Speaking to Technion students here yesterday, the Archbishop said: "If there were genuine security reasons... I would be the first to tell them (the villagers) to wait another 25 years, and they would be ready to wait." But he charged that even former Chief of Staff Haim Bar-Lev had said the villagers' return to their old homes near the Lebanese border would pose no security problem.

Asked by *The Jerusalem Post* whose ruling on security he would accept, the Archbishop said "the General Staff's."

Archbishop Raya, who was addressing 300 students in the first of the season's student-run "Wednesday Noon Forum" series, also rejected the Government's second reason for barring the return — that it would set a "precedent."

"The High Court of Justice has ruled they have the right to return, and no other villagers have obtained such a judgment. But to violate the Court's decision does set a precedent, and it also represents bankruptcy for the Government," he said.

He added that "several minds had told him their 'hearts and sciences' had told them to let the villagers return but they had been unable to do so for political reasons."

Asked how he, as a Lebanese citizen, could presume to talk to the people of Ikrit and Bir'in, Archbishop Raya said, "I was indeed born in Lebanon. But I came here as an Israeli, as most other zions did. I am proud of being Israeli, and I am ready to give my blood for this country." He said that he was planning a demonstration in the village's favour shortly, and asked the students to join in.

Meanwhile, support for the villagers' cause was also voiced yesterday by the Free Centre, which invited Gahal, the Independent Liberals and the State List to operate in setting up an inter-party committee to seek "a fair and solution to the Bir'in and Ikrit fair."

The Free Centre said in its violation of the "patriotic law" ought to be discussed by government, while patriotic, still cited the Government's negative stand the villagers' demand.

## Israel to report on rocket engine study

Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The 15th annual Israel Conference on Aviation and Astronautics, which opens here next Wednesday, will attempt to embrace the wide gamut of disciplines contributing to advances in astronautics and space research. The variety of topics included in the programme of the conference takes in both fluid and astronautics, the mechanics and structure of materials, combustion, propulsion as well as missile guidance and control.

The two-day conference is to open at the Hilton Hotel with an address by Minister of Transport Shimon Peres, and will continue with three business sessions before moving on Thursday to the Haifa Technion.

Among the reports on the agenda is one by Israeli scientists working on development of a "cross-bred" rocket engine capable of using either liquid or solid fuel, destined chiefly for guided missiles. Work on this project, ordered by the Haifa Technion, has been going on for two years.

Foreign scientists among the participants of the conference's six sessions, three each in Tel Aviv and Haifa, include Fellow of the Royal Society K. Stewart, mathematician of the London University; Professor V. Modi and C. Techanu Vancouver's University of British Columbia; Drs. M. Schurer and Sax of the West German Satellite Research Team; G. Coupry of France; J. Dorsey of the U.S., and others.

From Israel, the conference is bringing together scientists and engineers from the Technion, the Ministry of Defense, Israel's Ministry of Science, Israel's Ministry of Transport and the Israel Aircraft Industry. Opening the first session on Wednesday will be A. Schwimmer, the Israel Aircraft Industry, on "Philosophy of aircraft development."

## Sounion blast won't stop tours of pilgrims here

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The company which organized the tour of Baptist pilgrims aboard the s.s. Sounion, sunk by blast in Beirut harbour Saturday night, has chartered another Greek vessel to take her place in the regular weekly cruise. But it's leaving Beirut out of the itinerary for the time being.

Mr. R. Shmuel, director of Whole Sale Tours Company, told *The Jerusalem Post* the groups of Baptist pilgrims organized by his firm will continue to arrive here as scheduled aboard the m.s. Florida, which is being chartered instead of the Sounion. It is to arrive on Saturday for its first weekly cruise. The extra day saved by eliminating the Beirut call will be spent by the pilgrims in Israel, he said.

The 250 pilgrims who survived the Sounion blast — all unarmed — were flown here by special El flights, which picked them up in Cyprus. They are scheduled to leave by a chartered DC-8 Super Jet under special permission granted by the charter by the Government (Charter flights are normally prohibited in Israel.) A second chartered by Wholesale Tours, the m.s. Regina, is scheduled to arrive today with 200 pilgrims — one day earlier than scheduled, due to skipping the Beirut call.

## Cypriot girl hurt by bomb

NICOSIA (Reuters). — A young Greek Cypriot girl was injured in a bomb explosion in a Limassol apartment building on Wednesday and a second bomb wrecked a petrol filling station and damaged houses in Nicosia.

A third bomb — all were believed planted by supporters of a campaign for Enosis (Union with Greece) — was found wrapped in plastic bag and was defused. It had been left near a fence outside police station at Paphos, West Cyprus.

## Neumann wins army chess championship

By ELIYAHU SHARAF

Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Segen Avraham Neumann, 23, a national chess master serving in the Air Force, yesterday captured the 1973 title in the army chess championships.

Neumann got 9½ points out of 11 games, going unbeaten in one of the toughest matches of the army championships — 22-year history — a match which saw three national masters and eight other top-rated players in a field of 36 competitors.

Runners up in the match, which took place at Beit Hekhal in Tel Aviv, were Shmuel Friedman of the Training Command and Ehud Gross of the Central Command, with nine points each. Arye Lev of the Armoured Corps placed fourth, with 7½ points.

The match was sponsored by the Soldiers Welfare Association. The prize award ceremony will be held at Beit Hekhal at 4 p.m. today.

## Asian student leader to check condition of Iraqi Jews

The chairman of the Asian Students Association, James Chou of Hongkong, is to ask the Iraqi Government for permission to visit Iraq to investigate the condition of Iraqi Jews, the chairman of the Israel Student Union, David Altman, said yesterday.

Mr. Chou had agreed to visit Iraq on humanitarian, and not political grounds, Mr. Altman said.

## TV the medium and the tedium

Television critic Philip Gilon discusses the problems of maintaining a balance of the light and the significant on Israel Television in tomorrow's

POST WEEK-END MAGAZINE

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## THE WEATHER

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Haifa Port 35	10-12	10-16
Tiberias 33	10-16	10-18
Nazareth 38	5-10	7-13
Afula 53	7-14	7-13
Shomron 73	5-8	5-8
Tel Aviv 54	10-15	10-17
Lod Airport 73	8-17	7-13
Jericho 58	10-17	10-19
Gaza 69	7-15	9-17
Beersheba 44	7-13	7-16
Silat 103	12-15	12-15
Tiran Straits 25	14-20	15-23

## Social and Personal

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu yesterday evening played host at the Knesset to the delegates to the international conference of Baal Brith leaders.

The Haitian Ambassador and Mrs. Musset Pierre-Jerome gave a reception Tuesday night at their residence in Ramat Eshkol in honour of the new Israeli Ambassador to Haiti, Aluf-Mishne (res.) Z'ev Bashan. Among the guests were Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek; the Jerusalem Police Commander, Nitzav-Mishne Heinz Breitenfeld; the Military Governor of the Gaza Strip, Tal-Aluf Avraham Ori; members of the Diplomatic Corps and senior Foreign Ministry officials.

A group of 25 Israeli artists have donated works for a sale, proceeds of which go to victims of the Managua earthquake. The Mexican Ambassador, Mrs. Rosario Castellanos, has extended her patronage to the event, which will take place at her home in Herzliya Pituh between 6 and 8 p.m. today.

Prof. Menachem Zevi Kaddari has been re-elected Rector of Bar-Ilan University for a second two-year term, to start at the beginning of the 1973/74 academic year. This decision was taken at the University Senate meeting this week.

Professor Nathan Sharon has been appointed to head the Weizmann Institute's Biophysics Department. He replaces Professor Ephraim Katchalski, who has headed the department since its inception 25 years ago.

A group of Hadassah U.S. regional presidents visited the Hebrew University of Jerusalem yesterday, March 7, 1973, and were received by the vice-President, Mr. Bernard Cherrick.

The Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary club will hold a business meeting at its weekly session today at 1:15 p.m. at the Z.O.A. House, in Tel Aviv.

## EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Eric Marsden and his family wish to thank most sincerely all those who, by condolence messages, personal calls and attendance at the memorial service for Jackie, helped comfort them in their hours of sorrow.

## ARRIVALS

Rehovam Amir, Israel's Ambassador to Thailand, from Bangkok, for a two-week home leave.

James Rogers, who was named "Teacher of the Year" in the U.S. from Durham, N.C. for a four-day visit.

Rabbi Hyman L. Samson, Dean Emeritus, Talmudical Academy of Baltimore, and Mrs. Samson, on aliya (by El Al).

Vera Shukhanova, a History lecturer from Moscow, at the head of a three-member delegation representing the Soviet Women's Committee, to take part in International Women's Day, sponsored by the Israel Democratic Women Organisation.

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## Sent baptism papers to Khartoum Belgians tried to prove envoy was not a Jew

BRUSSELS (AP). — Belgian authorities sent the baptism certificate of their charge d'affaires in Khartoum to the Saudi Arabian Embassy there in an effort to convince the Arab terrorists who were holding him that he was not a Jew, a Foreign Office spokesman said yesterday.

Releasing new details of last week's murders at the embassy, a spokesman said the Black September terrorists had planned to seize the West German envoy, but got the Belgian, Guy Eid, instead. They shot Eid because they thought he was a Jew, the spokesman went on. The Belgian authorities tried in vain to convince them that this was not so, even sending him baptism certificate to Khartoum. Eid was actually of Arab descent.

The spokesman said that Belgian authorities had evidence of links between Fatah and Black September. He said that Fatah had abused Sudanese hospitality to prepare or help prepare the attack.

He said the terrorists opened fire as soon as they got to the Saudi building. Eid was wounded and unable to escape as some diplomats fled.

The two American diplomats who were taken hostage and shot were just leaving a reception when their car was blocked by the terrorists' jeep arriving. The reception was

### Vatican links Libyan plane and Khartoum

VATICAN CITY (UPI). — The killings in Khartoum following Israel's downing of a Libyan airliner make it appear that neither side wants peace in the Middle East, the official Vatican spokesman said in an article published yesterday.

Writing in the Vatican weekly "L'Osservatore Della Domenica," Federico Alessandrini said the killing of two U.S. and one Belgian diplomats by Black September terrorists last week must be seen in relation to Israel's downing of the Libyan airliner over Sinai.

### VIENNESE DILEMMA —

## No Arab state will take six September terrorists

VIENNA (Reuters). — Austrian authorities are seeking urgently to persuade Arab countries to accept six "Black September" terrorists now held by police in Vienna, officials said here on Tuesday night.

The six men, arrested in January and February, were given suspended prison sentences on charges of carrying forged Israeli passports and ordered to be deported.

So far, the Austrian government has failed to get any Arab country to accept them, although informed sources said Syria had indicated readiness to take three of them.

These three were arrested in a Vienna hotel in January. The other three passed through Aus-

tria to Italy in February, but were returned here by Italian police.

All six were reported to have set out from Switzerland, apparently to keep a rendezvous with an unknown "contact-man" in Vienna, who is now believed to have left Austria for the Middle East.

The purpose of the Arabs' journey was not disclosed, but security authorities, in close touch with Interpol, assumed they intended some aggressive action in Austria.

Austrian officials say they are anxious to get rid of the six terrorists as rapidly as possible. There is no official interest in making them serve the four-month sentences they were given.

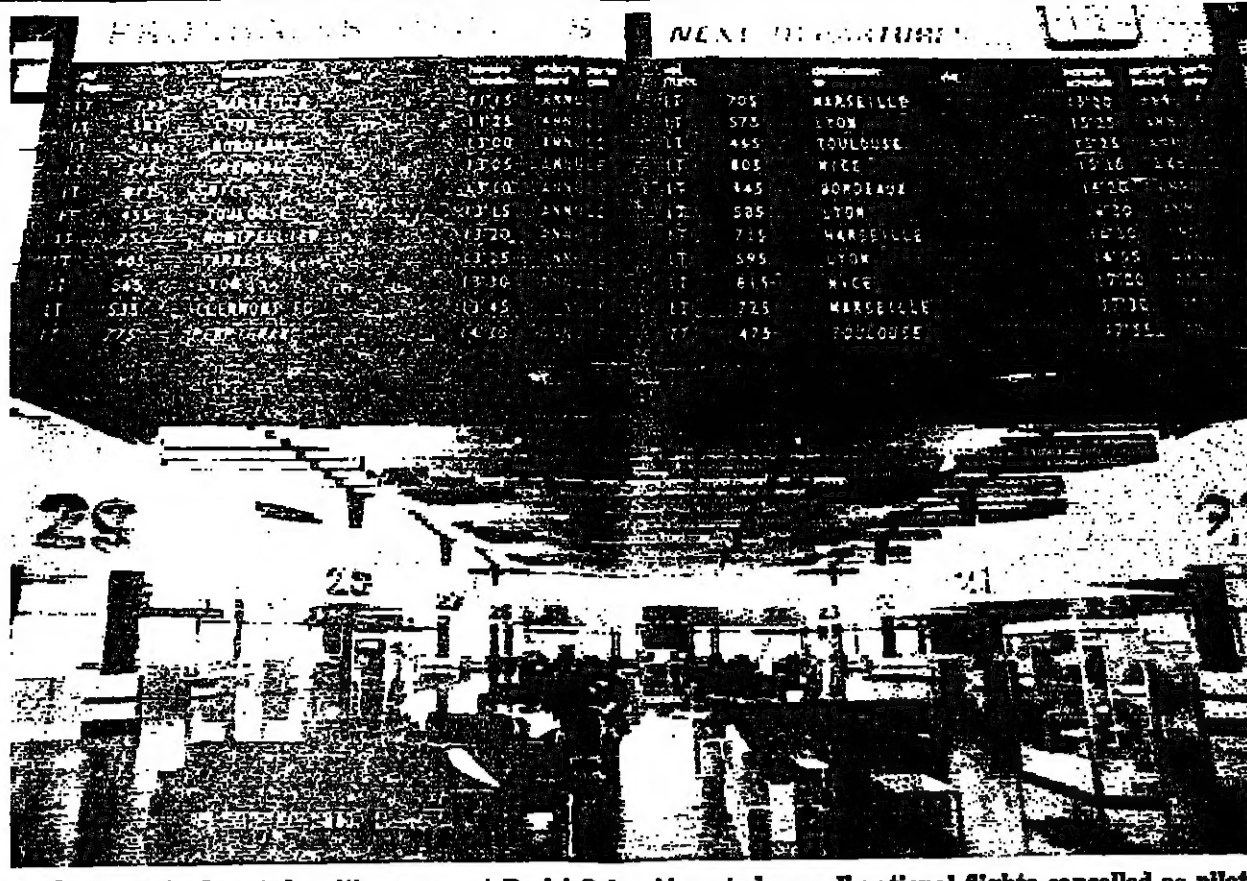
## Gaddafi warns of 'Zionist empire on Arab ruins'

BENGHAZI (Reuters). — Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi has charged that Arab policy is bankrupt and paralyzed and that Arab rulers have stopped thinking about liberating Palestine.

The official Libyan News Agency yesterday quoted Colonel Gaddafi at a conference in Benghazi when he is reported to have said: "The slogan has turned from Palestine and the people of Palestine to the rights of the refugees, without mentioning Palestine." Libya believed that the problem was one of the return of the Palestinian people to their land, he said. Once that problem was resolved, all the other issues would be over for it would mean the end of the Zionist entity.

Colonel Gaddafi said the situation would grow worse "for the Arabs will accept the presence of a Zionist empire on the ruins of the Arab nation and its civilization."

If Egypt fell, nothing would repulse the Israelis in North Africa. "The people of the Libyan Arab Republic are prepared to give their lives to prevent that," he added. "But it will not solve the problem. The orders would then be issued in Tel Aviv and carried out in Mauritania. If Syria falls, then the entire eastern region will fall and the Zionists will get to Medina and in fact occupy the entire (Saudi Arabian) peninsula."



Flight board in deserted waiting room at Paris' Orly Airport shows all national flights cancelled as pilots refused to fly because of strike by French civilian air controllers. (AP)

## Paris opens negotiations with air controllers

PARIS (UPI). — With France virtually cut off by air the French Government yesterday opened negotiations with striking civilian air controllers. The Transport Ministry had previously refused to deal with the strikers on the grounds that their work stoppage was illegal.

During the day yesterday 19 more airlines cancelled flights across France. The main Paris airports were at near standstill. A total of 35 airlines have stopped flights following the mid-air collision of two Spanish jetliners on Monday in which all 68 persons aboard one of the planes were killed. The other plane was damaged but landed safely.

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(El Al announced yesterday afternoon that it was rerouting its Paris and Nice-bound flights to Brussels and passengers would be transported onwards by bus.)

The collision took place during a strike by civilian air traffic controllers. French Air Force technicians are handling traffic.

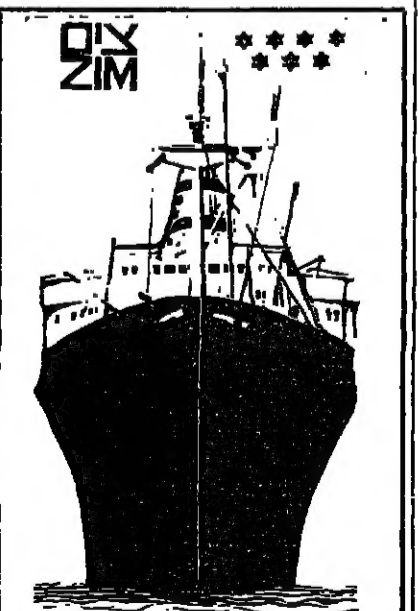
French Defence Ministry officials rejected speculation that a French Air Force fighter was involved in Monday's collision.

The Spanish daily "Ya" of Bayonne wrote: "It seems that a French Mystere fighter was registered missing at the same time and in the same zone as the DC9 went down. This information leads one to suppose that the Iberia plane and the fighter collided and a piece of the fuselage of one of them hit the Coronado, which was flying at a much lower height."

The Spanish News Agency, EFE, said: "The main mystery is concentrated on some unexpected streaks of paint of a bluish green colour, which appear on the wing of the DC9. French experts consider them strange because the Spanish Concorde has no paint of this colour."

A Defence Ministry spokesman said the green paint was the Coronado's undercoat. He said no French Mystere fighter was missing.

The striking controllers voted yesterday to extend their stoppage until Saturday, but some of their unions said they could ensure a quick return to normal if the government withdraws the military controllers.



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## In anti-left move French Gaullists join forces with Reformers

PARIS (Reuters). — France's ruling Gaullists yesterday joined forces with the opposition centre Reformers to beat back the powerful challenge from the left in the decisive run-off election for the National Assembly on Sunday.

Gaullist and Liberal Reform leaders promised their candidates would withdraw in each other's favour from races where the left could triumph because of continued Gaullist-Reformer rivalry.

The all but formal anti-left coalition, still somewhat shaky because some Reformers refused to stand down in Paris and elsewhere, was hurriedly worked out by govern-

## Troop cut talks near collapse

LONDON (UPI). — The talks in Vienna on mutual balanced force reductions on both sides of the dividing line in Europe are heading for collapse, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

After weeks of haggling, NATO nations and Russia have failed to reach agreement on the composition of the conference, with no sign so far of a compromise.

The steam has gone out of the exercise which was to have paved the way for East-West troop reductions in central Europe, the sources said.

The Russians seem to be marking time and blocking a start in the apparent expectation that ultimately the U.S. will reduce its troops in Europe unilaterally, under pressure from Congress.

The Western allies wanted to limit the talks to NATO and Warsaw Pact nations with troops in central Europe where they are facing each other. These are the U.S., Britain, West Germany, Benelux, Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, East Germany and Hungary.

Russia wants Hungary excluded. There are some 40,000 Soviet troops in Hungary which would thus be exempt from any troop reductions. The West is firmly opposed to that.

Russia has refused to budge. This was made clear in separate talks in Paris last week between Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers and British Foreign Secretary Alec Douglas-Home.

PIGS. — The Barbados Government yesterday ordered an immediate halt to the slaughter of all pigs following an outbreak of deadly swine fever on the island.

## Commuters stranded in another London strike

LONDON (UPI). — A snap strike by London railwaymen halted 1,000 trains yesterday and British Rail advised commuters not to even try to get to work.

A 24-hour national rail strike was due to begin at midnight yesterday. The strike was the latest in a series of walkouts by gasmen, teachers and hospital workers in protest against government wage freeze policies.

"Our advice to commuters is to stay home unless it is absolutely vital for them to come in," said a British Rail spokesman. "It is going to be virtually impossible to get home tonight."

The strike by hospital cooks, cleaners and laundrymen, now in its second week, caused hardship for thousands of patients who had to be sent home when bloody bandages and unwashed linen piled up in hospital corridors. "The risk of infection is enormous," a spokesman

for London's St. Bartholomew Hospital said yesterday. At least 75 hospitals were affected. All but emergency operations were postponed and chronically ill patients including cancer patients were sent home.

Strikes by gasmen meant more than 4 million homes had low pressure for cooking and heating. Thousands of schools, offices and factories and at least 55,000 homes were completely cut off. Gasmen yesterday threatened to force more cut-offs to homes unless gas board officials cut supplies to more homes and commercial customers.

London teachers were in the second day of a three-day strike that affected 75,000 schoolchildren. Each of the unions was pressing its own wage claims as well as protesting generally about the wage freeze. The only bright spot came as stores slashed prices on hundreds of items because of tax changes announced in the budget on Tuesday.

### 25 years later

## Meir gets honorary degree from Brandeis

By JESSE KEL LURIE  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WALTHAM, Mass. — Twenty-five years after she travelled to Boston to raise \$500,000 for the about-to-be-born State of Israel, Golda Meir returned on Tuesday to receive an honorary degree from Brandeis University.

In 1948, it was Golda Myerson who toured American Jewish communities to raise the then unheard-of sum. At about the same time, a number of Jewish leaders assembled in the Boston suburb of Waltham to dedicate the first American Jewish university, named after a Supreme Court justice and a leading Zionist, Louis D. Brandeis.

In 1948, Mrs. Myerson went to Boston by train. It was a 4½-hour uncomfortable ride on the now defunct New Haven and Boston Railroad. She went alone. In Boston she met with Jewish leaders, among them a little man with a vast knowledge of Hebrew from Worcester, Mass., named Jacob Hiatt.

In 1973, Mrs. Meir left her suite in the Waldorf-Astoria Towers at 1.30 p.m. She was whisked to La Guardia airport in a bullet-proof limousine provided by the secret service with police cars fore and aft. A Boeing 727 jet chartered from Eastern Airlines awaited her.

She was accompanied by ambassadors Tekohah and Dinitz, her personal staff, 9 Israeli reporters, a dozen secret service men and a lesser number of Israeli security people. One of the secret service men sat in the cockpit with the pilot.

At Hanescom Air Force Base, another bullet-proof limousine drove from Washington in an air force cargo plane awaited her with more secret service men from the Boston area. The plane was riddled with

forces men, rifles at ready, and a helicopter accompanied her on the ten-minute ride to Brandeis.

Prior to her arrival a group of about 200 pro-Arab leftists organized by Uri Davis, a former Israeli, had picketed. They were surrounded by an almost equal number of police, some with dogs, and after getting their photos taken for the press and TV they dispersed peacefully.

Mrs. Meir never saw the protesters, but she did see about 200 students carrying Israeli flags and friendly signs.

The ceremony of conferring the honorary degree was simple in style, emotional in content and unusually brief. Jacob Hiatt, now chairman of the board of trustees of Brandeis, welcomed her in Hebrew. Brandeis President Marvin H. Bernstein conferred the degree assisted by Chancellor Abram Leon Sacher. Mrs. Meir accepted as "the chance representative" of the Israeli people, those who go off to serve and sometimes fight for three years before entering university and "the real heroes" — the parents who send them without tears.

Violence in the region tapered off as both sides prepared for the vote. Politicians used the respite to launch last-minute campaigns for and against the referendum.

Protestant leaders urged a total turnout in favour of the British ties. Roman Catholic leaders and the Irish Republican Army replied

with newspaper advertisements on leaflets calling for a total boycott. With tensions rising, the government cancelled all police leave as called up 9,000 militiamen for emergency duty. They joined more than 17,000 combat-hardened soldiers to bar gunmen from the streets.

Army sources called the measure involving 33,000 men, the biggest security operation since violence broke out between the Catholics and Protestants in August, 1969.

They said the most likely source of trouble would be from the decision of the Protestant Ulster Defence Association to assign uniform members to polling places in mixed neighbourhoods. Sources within the IRA, in contrast, said they planned to simply ignore the voting, although the possibility remained of unarmoured elements getting out of hand.

Politicians said that with a pro-British Protestant outburst, the referendum was certain. But, the size of the turnout could be important, they said.

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A group of American Indians have shown their despair at the treatment of their people by taking over the town of Wounded Knee. The background is discussed by GABRIEL SIVAN, a Jerusalem literary critic, who "has been interested in the misused Red Man for a long time," as he puts it.



Sioux Indians take up positions at Wounded Knee.

(AP radiophoto)

## THE RED MAN'S FATE

In the current confrontation between U.S. Federal authorities and rebellious Sioux Indians at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, lies a grim irony for it was there, on December 29, 1890, that the Red Man's last bid for religious and cultural autonomy ended in a brutal massacre.

Like some other Plains tribes — the Cheyennes, Arapahos, and Kiowas — Sioux survivors of the White Man's repression had adopted the messianic faith preached by Wovoka, a Paiute visionary, who sought to restore Indian dignity and independence. Wovoka's "Ghost Dance" cult, which mingled Christian ethical notions with Indian ritual, was in fact a peaceful attempt to make the White Man disappear from the Plains and to bring back the slaughtered tribes and the buffalo and their game which callous Whites had virtually exterminated. The final outcome of the "Ghost Dance" was the murder of Sitting Bull, a legendary Indian hero, and the "battle" of Wounded Knee, where 128 Sioux fugitives — mainly women and children — were gunned down and bayoneted when they despairingly surrendered.

The Red Man's fate throughout North and South America, constitutes a massive indictment of the White man's rapacity during four centuries of dishonour. In many ways, the treatment which the Indians have received is reminiscent of that meted out to the Jews in the Old World, particularly in view of their attainments and practical contributions to human welfare in general.

### Different levels

The level of civilization which the Red Man developed varied considerably: some, like the tribes whom the English, Dutch, and French encountered in the North-Eastern woodlands, were farmers and hunters; others, like the Aztecs and Mayas of Central America, created hierarchically competitive and populous city-states; while the Incas of Peru evolved a peaceful "Welfare State" and built architectural monuments that amazed Pizarro and the Spanish conquistadors. In annihilating the Caribs of the West Indies and destroying the Shapira of the Incas, Spain's conquistadors gleefully merged their hunger for gold with a war against "wicked pagans" in the name of the Church — and incidentally laid the

foundations of subsequent White policy towards the first Americans throughout the New World.

Ancestors of the Mayas were expert mathematicians and astronomers and used the zero fully 1,000 years before the Arabs; the roads, bridges, and capitals of pre-Columbian America outshone anything built in Babylon or Rome; the Incas performed delicate brain operations when European physicians were still prescribing "remedies" such as the ground horn of a unicorn. To these vanished nations and civilizations we owe the medicinal use of cocaine and quinine and foodstuffs such as maize ("Indian corn"), potatoes, tomatoes, beans, peanuts, and chocolate. The Red Man first cultivated rubber and tobacco and from indigenous plants he brewed a drink which millions now enjoy as Coca-Cola.

### Invaders' thanks

The White invader's gratitude for all these benefits was displayed in his relentless pursuit and dispossession of the native American wherever the latter stood in his path. The Indian was cheated and defamed; whole tribes were annihilated and peace-loving nations destroyed; treaties were signed and then repudiated.

Only here and there could the Red Man find protection — among the Jesuits in Paraguay or, later, in the Canadian forests and prairies. When General Custer and his cavalry unit were outnumbered and wiped out by Sioux warriors on the Little Big Horn in 1876, the engagement was termed "The Custer Massacre," but when exhausted Indian families were butchered in their sleep 14 years later, this became known as "The Battle of Wounded Knee."

Nor was the Indian's willingness to become "civilized" an effective safeguard of his life and liberty in the United States. The history of the South-Eastern group known as "The Five Civilized Tribes" (Cherokees, Chickasaws, Chickasaws, Creeks, and Seminoles) is instructive. Sequoyah, a Cherokee leader of genius, invented an alphabet which both the Cherokees and Creeks swiftly mastered. The Bible was printed in their languages by 1830 and a newspaper, "The Cherokee Phoenix," began to appear. Social and economic progress was rapid among the Five Tribes and a prosperous and cultured Indian state was in the making.

Yet White jealousy, fraud, and brute force drove these peaceful Indians from their homeland to what is now Oklahoma; there they patiently reconstructed their schools and press, only to see what remained of their experiment in self-government shattered by new intruders and Federal indifference to the Red Man's fate.

There are many interesting Jewish links with the first Americans, dating from the voyage of Columbus to the Indies in 1492. Luis de Torres, his newly converted interpreter, was apparently the first White Man to meet and befriend the Indians, among whom he settled in Cuba. Soon afterwards, men began to wonder whether some — if not all — of the New World's inhabitants might be descendants of the Lost Tribes of Israel. Ambrosio Fernandes Brandao, a Portuguese Marrano officer and historian, suggested that ancestors of the Brazilian Indians had perhaps sailed across the ocean from some Israelite harbour during the reign of King Solomon, while a Marrano writer of the following century named Antonio de Montezinos claimed to have discovered a tribe in Ecuador whose spokesmen greeted him with the words of the Shema! From the published report of Montezinos (1644) Rabbi Manasseh Ben Israel derived some of the arguments for the redemption of the Jews into England which he set forth in his book, "The Hope of Israel" (1650). The New England Puritans, who saw themselves as latter-day Hebrews in a Promised Land of the West, sometimes indulged in this type of speculation but usually regarded the Indians as idolatrous savages ("Canaanites") who were not fit to live.

### Jewish pioneers

American Jewish pioneers of the 19th century were less affected than most by standard prejudices. Many who drove their wagons and settled in the West became Indian traders, one example being Julius Meyer of Nebraska, who, as "curly-headed-White-Chief-with-one-tongue," became an honorary Pawnee. Marrano or later Jewish intermingling with native tribes probably accounts for the existence of certain Latin American sects with Judaizing tendencies in Mexico, Chile and elsewhere.

The 20th-century Indian — like the 19th-century Jew — is what a hos-

tile world made of him. He had no lands of refuge in which to revive his dignity and culture, and films and novels romanticizing the "Noble Red Man" did nothing to promote Indian self-help. While millions have become an integral part of Latin American society, there are still remote tribes in Brazil who are threatened with genocide; and, in the U.S., an Indian must either remain the ward of government agencies or opt out of his tribe.

### Writers on plight

In recent years, perceptive writers and sociologists — many of them Jews — have paid close attention to the Red Man's plight. The Cheyenne tribe's vain attempt to reach safety in Canada is powerfully described in "The Last Frontier" (1942), a novel by Howard Fast; and, more recently, Edgar S. Catho edited a scathing indictment of official policy-making in "Our Brother's Keeper: The Indian in White America" (1969), which provides evidence of the Red Man's continued degradation (0.5 per cent of the total U.S. population; average income less than half the national poverty level). In another study, "The American Indian Today" (1968), Stuart Levine and Nancy Oestreich show how both Indians and New York Hasidim — resisting outside pressures — seek their own cultural independence and salvation along time-hallowed paths.

Yet, while the Jews, Amish and other distinctive minorities enjoy the benefits of cultural pluralism, these are denied to the Red Man. It was this analogy that probably inspired the visit to Israel in July 1971, of some Indian community leaders anxious to find ways of reviving their old communal life on the reservation by means of cooperative enterprises.

The growing self-awareness of which one of these visitors then spoke — a reawakening like that of the Jewish people — may nevertheless owe more to the militant Negro than to the American Jewish example. One only hopes that the second "battle" of Wounded Knee will persuade the Bureau of Indian Affairs and those who direct Federal policy that adequate health services, educational and employment opportunities, and an attitude of respect should be used not to assimilate the Red Man to some conformist pattern, but to help him determine his own way of life and destiny.

## 'DERBY DAY' IN SOCCER LEAGUE

By PAUL KOHN

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The National League soccer card this Saturday features three "derby" games, two of them at the Bloomfield Stadium between four Tel Aviv clubs.

Tel Aviv Betar is home to Tel Aviv Hapoel. Hapoel is still leading at the championship whilst Betar flounders in 10th place. Yet the goal average difference is slight indeed with Hapoel having conceded 23 goals to Betar's 22. The result of this game will depend largely on the form of Zvi Rosen, Shimon Cohen for Betar and Feigenbaum and Haim for Hapoel.

Shimon plays Tel Aviv Maccabi in the second "derby" in Jaffa. Maccabi's attack simply has not clicked this season, having shot only 21 goals in 23 games. But Maccabi's defence, pivoting around Zvi Rosen, has let in only 20 goals compared to the 35 conceded by Shimon. But with Shimon fighting tooth and nail to get out of the relegation zone, a draw cannot be excluded.

Another team struggling to move up the table, Petah Tikva Hapoel, faces formidable opposition in town-mates Petah Tikva Maccabi. It is difficult to envisage the Hapoel attack making much impact on the 4th-placed club in the League.

League leaders Hakoah travel to Kiryat Haim to face a stiff test against Hakoah Hapoel. Although placed 11th the Hakoah team at home are a tough nut for any team to crack. Despite Hakoah's superior goal average, it is difficult to imagine Hakoah losing.

Third-placed Jerusalem Hapoel are again at home, to Netanya Maccabi, following their 1:0 midweek win over Jaffa Maccabi. Jerusalem has conceded only 15 goals in 23 League games and Netanya faces a



hard task, though it showed improved form last week in beating Beersheba Hapoel.

In the League "A" games on the Sportsday coupon, first and second in the Northern Division, Hadera Hapoel and Acre Hapoel, clash in Hadera. Although Hadera Hapoel were held to a draw in Herzliya last week, at home they should have the measure of the Acre combination.

First and third teams in the Southern Division, Bnei Yehuda and Yehud Hapoel meet in Yehud. Bnei Yehuda is in a much harder fight for promotion than Hadera Hapoel, as they have Holo Hapoel right on their heels. But Yehud is a tough customer at home.

The Sports Betting Council announced it would pay out IL1 million in prize money this week, including IL600,000 to be divided among those who got 13 correct results.

Seventy persons with 12 correct results last week won IL5,100 each. Over 1,100 coupons showed 11 results each worth IL155, and nearly 10,000 got IL18 for 10 results.

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## Apartment for Holon Samaritans

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HOLON. — The Holon Municipality announced Tuesday that it plans to build new flats for young Samaritan couples here. Some 250 Samaritans reside in Holon. Along with the 200 Samaritans of Nabulus, they make up all of the world's Samaritan population.

Mayor Pinhas Eylon has asked the Amidar housing company to draw up plans for the new housing,

the first to be built for Samaritans since some 15 units were put up about five years ago.

The Municipality has also given the Samaritans some IL2,000 to purchase new carpets for their synagogues. (The Samaritans, who claim to be the direct descendants of the tribes of Ephraim and Manasse, have developed their religious code by direct interpretation of biblical laws, independent of rabbinical halacha.)

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## SIGHS AND CRIES FROM OUT OF TOWN

Israel Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra, Lina Foss, conductor; Claude Helffer, piano; broadcast from Tel Aviv, February 27. Program: "Carnaval Romantique"; Stravinsky: Concerto for Piano and Winds; Antonin: "Cherevka"; Bartok: "The Dance of the Sorcerer's Apprentice"; "Bolero".

To play out of town is strenuous for the performers, a treat for the local listeners and a challenge for the people in charge of the broadcast and balance in sound. They have very little time to adjust microphones to the existing acoustical conditions in order to provide a satisfactory broadcast. On the air the orchestra sounded quite healthy from the beginning, though a certain dryness of sound was apparent which later was remedied by better balance.

Claude Helffer, the French pianist, repeated the tremendously impressive performance of the Stravinsky Concerto he had given a week before with the same orchestra; it seemed quite a good idea to have the same concerto played twice in a short time, as it must have been to many listeners, and it delivered a second hearing. Mr. Helffer gave a brilliant display of his technique.

### BRIDGE TEAMS

The two-day Adler Cup Bridge Tournament for Teams of Four, at the Diplomat Hotel, Jerusalem, opens tomorrow at 4.30, and not as reported in yesterday's Jerusalem Post.



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BENJAMIN BAR-AM

## Abattoir chief charged with embezzlement

TEL AVIV. — The manager of a poultry abattoir belonging to the Tzavahonot cooperative supermarket chain was remanded for eight days by the Magistrates' Court here Tuesday, on suspicion of fraud and embezzlement.

The man, Reuven Klepper, was in charge of marketing poultry to the supermarket chain as well as to an independent butcher shop chain owner, Reuven Lahowitz. Police suspect Klepper forged shipping invoices for many months, showing much smaller shipments than he was actually paid for. This, the police charge, caused losses of about IL10,000 per month to the plant.

Inspector Yitzhak Reuveni of the Frauds Division told the court Klepper admitted some of the forgeries, but claimed he gained no material benefit from them. Inspector Reuveni said more arrests were expected. (Him)

A IL400,000 allocation for the establishment of a vocational school for refugee children in Rafah, and a IL200,000 allocation for a nursing school in the Gaza Strip, have been approved by the board of the Economic Development and Refugee Rehabilitation Trust, headed by Transport Minister Shimon Peres and the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Moshe Sanbar.

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## Numeiri pierces terrorist facade

THE danger posed by Arab terrorism for various Arab regimes has long been apparent. But almost every Arab state has generally preferred to avoid facing the issue directly.

Egypt, for example, has thought it could exploit the terrorists for its own ends, especially in the conflict with Israel. Lebanon has been terrorized, largely out of fear. Saudi Arabia has believed it could keep the terrorists at bay with gold.

Only Jordan was prepared to take energetic action, and this only when it became clear that the terrorists were determined to take over Amman.

Now Sudan's President Ja'afar Numeiri, stung by the terrorist murders in Khartoum and the information he has gathered as a result, has pierced the facade. He has stated explicitly that the Fatah organization and its leader Yasser Arafat bear responsibility for the actions of Black September, and shown that the movement is closely connected with militant Libyan leader Muammer Gaddafi's aims to subvert other Arab regimes.

These aims of Gaddafi and Arafat, bankrolled by Libya's massive oil revenues, have little to do with the "battle" against Israel. Rather they reflect the endemic internecine conflicts to which the Arab world has long been subject. But depicted to the outside world under the banner of revolution and "justice for the Palestinians," they have been seen abroad in the light of the general Israel-Arab conflict.

This distorted vision is especially cherished in those circles abroad prepared to seize upon whatever comes to hand in order to question Israel's national rights and legitimacy. But it has also been true of those with better intentions. The delusion persisted even after the terrorist threat to King Hussein's future was made clear in September 1970.

If nothing else, perhaps the incident in Khartoum and the reaction of President Numeiri will serve finally to unveil the true significance and character of the terrorist movements.

Certainly where the genuine dialogue between Israel and the Palestinians is taking place, namely within the borders of Israel and Jordan, the divisive and destructive nature of the terrorist movements is clear enough to all parties.

The time is long overdue therefore for those genuinely interested in peace and stability in the Middle East whether they sit in editorial offices or chancelleries in Rome, London, Paris, Washington or anywhere else — to follow the lead of Numeiri and cease engaging in apologetics for bands of murderers who offer no solution to the Israel-Arab conflict and no comfort for those Arab regimes who want to develop their countries.

## Dutch paper criticizes protest on mission

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT

AMSTERDAM — The Dutch Protestant daily "Trouw" has criticized the Consul of the Netherlands in Jerusalem for joining with representatives of other West European countries in protesting to the Israel government against proposed measures to curb Christian missionary activities.

The paper said that "measures to curb these activities are not entirely in accordance with the principle of the freedom of religion. But that the consulates of France, Italy, the Netherlands and Great Britain in Jerusalem have been instructed already now to warn against the possible consequences of curbing Christian missionary activities, is really most extraordinarily zealous."

"Why this sudden zeal? In proportion to the seriousness of the situation, these same governments should certainly leave no stone unturned with the Soviet Union, which makes a mockery of human rights, including the freedom of religion, or with South Africa, which expels one Christian missionary after the other, not to mention Ethiopia, Libya, Malawi, Uganda, Burundi, and Somalia. In the Soviet Union — where such a joint

step, according to many experts, would certainly have its influence — nothing happens at all. But Israel must be called to task if it even considers measures as a result of vehement popular reactions to rather aggressive missionary practices."

The content of the warning of the consulates involved is even stranger, that the Israeli measures might lead to strong reactions by the Christian churches in the several countries involved. How do the governments involved know this? As far as the Dutch Christian Churches are involved, it is sufficiently known that they have almost deleted the idea "mission among the Jews" from their vocabulary. The attachment of the Protestant churches to the settlement Nee Amman shows that even without hiding their witnessing for Christ, also as the Messiah of the Jews, they are certainly no longer set on gaining souls in Israel. Violent reactions to certain missionary activities in Israel are curbed, are therefore by no means to be expected in the Dutch churches.

"It honours the West German Republic that she is not found in this company of warning voices. Holland also does not belong there."

## ISRAEL PRESS KHARTOUM MURDERS

Commenting on the Khartoum murders, Ha'aretz (non-party) writes: "The discovery that the Khartoum representation of the Palestine Liberation Organization played a major role in planning the murderous act, proves that the robot created 10 years ago has now turned upon its creators. The P.L.O. has become openly an instrument in the hands of some Arab regimes, for use against other Arab regimes."

Similarly, Ha'modia (Agudat Yisrael) notes: "The terrorist organizations are a weapon created for use against Israel, which has now turned upon the Arab countries. By their recent acts, the terrorist organizations have manoeuvred both themselves and the Arab countries into a cul de sac, and caused grave damage. All the same, it is doubtful whether the Arab countries will make an effort to stop the terrorist activities and extricate themselves from the dead end."

Referring to the view expressed by U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers in favour of the death penalty for the murder of hostages, Davar (Histadrut) declares: "This creates a test for all Arab countries where the death penalty still obtains for many crimes."

Discussing Israel's offer of ex-gratia payments to the families of the Libyan plane victims, Ha'tzofe (National Religious) thinks that the ministerial committee's decision to pay ex-gratia compensation to the survivors and the families of the victims who died in the Libyan plane crash bears witness to Israel's moral attitude towards other nations. The paper stresses that these payments are in no way to be construed as an admission of guilt for downing the plane.

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# France will never be the same again

The Jerusalem Post Paris correspondent, JACK MAURICE, reports on the repercussions of the Left's victory in the first round of the French elections.

PARIS. — As France stands poised for the decisive ballot on Sunday in the first general election since General de Gaulle stepped down from power, it does so as if already on the threshold of a new era. Whatever the outcome of the poll, the country will wake on Monday to discover that the old Gaullist regime has been dealt a death blow. The question at stake, as the 32 million electors prepare to return to the polling stations, is what sort of new political system is going to take over.

Nothing is going to be the same again in French politics, even though, as seems probable, the Gaullist majority clings to power by a slender thread. The first round of voting last Sunday in which the combined forces of Socialism and Communism scooped 44 per cent of the poll — against only 35 per cent for the Gaullists — has underlined the decline of Gaullism as a political doctrine and dynamic.

The Gaullists are the first to recognize this new situation. Their official daily, "La Nation," declared the morning after the poll: "Is it surprising that there should have been a strong push leftwards? Not really, when it is remembered that in 1967, under de Gaulle, the left came close to wreathing the majority."

There is the absolutely normal erosion of power. There is the fact that, nowadays, very fast economic changes perhaps create as many reasons for discontent as

for satisfaction. Finally, there is the persistent illusion, at least in our country, that "Marxism would be better than liberalism."

However, looking forward to next Sunday's vote with all reasonable caution, it looks as if liberalism, as personified by the middle-of-the-road Reform Party, is going to play a key role in salvaging the Gaullists at their moment of peril.

Led by Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, owner of the pungent political weekly "L'Express," and the Mayor of Rouen, Jean Lecanuet, the Reformers' ambition is to play the role of umpire in the next National Assembly. Although they scored only just over 12 per cent of the votes last Sunday and can expect to win at the most a couple of dozen seats next week-end, these seats could be vital to the Gaullists.

The 1967 general election was a clear pointer to the trend of this year's poll: The opposition came within a couple of seats of toppling the Gaullists. But then came the social unrest of the summer of 1968 which enabled de Gaulle to appeal to an underlying fear of revolution among

the monied classes and hold a snap election which produced a Gaullist landslide. However, once the terror of a Red takeover had vanished, the electorate gave de Gaulle a resounding slap in the face a few months later, in a referendum rejecting his plans to reshape the Senate and prompting his own resignation.

Then came the first timid contacts between the Socialist and Communist parties which last summer produced a joint electoral programme and this month a coordinated campaign policy. In the first round, Communist and Socialist candidates stood against each other. But next Sunday the laggard of either party will stand down in order to give the front-runner of the left a chance to defeat the local Gaullist in each constituency.

So, whatever the final composition of the new National Assembly, it will be the consequence of newly solidified leftwing unity. This means we are going to see a much more vital Socialist-Communist alliance at work both inside and outside parliament. The organized forces of the French left will no longer let themselves be caught unawares, as they were in

1968, by the upsurge of workers' grievances.

It is premature to predict the degree to which President Pompidou will be dependent on recruits from the Reform Party in order to obtain a loyalist majority and to create a new government. But there is certainly going to be a change in the tone of government in France: The patronizing Sunday speeches and pompous television appearances of Cabinet Ministers will be scaled down, both in number and in pretentiousness.

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WHAT will this transformation in French political manners mean to Israel. In the Reformers have their say in French policy, there is a reasonable prospect that France's thinly veiled hostility, which has recently given way to a cold, but distant urbanity will be replaced by a warmer and more even-handed attitude. The Reformers have repeatedly denounced the maintenance by Pompidou of de Gaulle's embargo on arms deliveries to Israel with shipments of missiles to Libya continue. However, it is hazardous to predict that Pompidou, who has wedded the French economy so closely to oil and technical agreements with Algeria, Libya and Iraq, would be prepared to alter his diplomatic course. Only a relaxation of tension in the Middle East is likely to produce a change in French policy after the ballot papers are counted next Sunday.

## Readers' letters Rental housing was offered to striking immigrants

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Mr. Ben-Adi's report, "Newcomers strike for housing near work" (February 13), is one-sided and inaccurate. For instance, Mr. Ben-Adi writes: "Their political letters to the Ministry of Absorption and the Prime Minister's Office have gone unanswered." and further on he quotes the answer of the Ministry to the request of one of the immigrants.

Mr. Ben-Adi further confuses the issues by quoting only part of the letter, giving the impression that its contents were limited to the statement that the Director-General of the Ministry of Absorption did not receive immigrants. The letter, which Mr. Ben-Adi originally claimed had not been written at all, was sent by an employee of the office in charge of Immigrant Petitions which is attached to the office of the Director-General and deals with immigrant requests which reach the main office. An employee of this office answered this particular letter after investigating the matter and there was no reason to transmit it to the Director-General. The letter also states that the Radomilsky family had been offered two immigrant flats, one in Kfar Saba and one in Mazeret Bakya, which they turned down. It adds that in view of present housing conditions in the Central District, the Ministry was unable to offer this family accommodation in Holon as requested.

Is Mr. Ben-Adi really convinced that 85 out of the 92 families at the Sderot Absorption Centre only got housing as a result of threats and that the other families were neglected because they were too well-mannered?

The Ministry of Absorption had offered the striking families housing which, in so far as this is possible under present housing conditions, suited the size of the family and was conveniently located for their jobs. For instance, the Garber family was offered immigrant housing in Kfar Saba and Netanya, which they turned down, although they work in Tel Aviv. The Edelman family was offered a flat in Netanya, which

they refused. The Sakelovitch family was offered a flat in Holon, which they rejected. Isn't it logical to offer a flat in Kfar Saba, when there are no available flats in the Tel Aviv area and the members of the family are working in Ramat Gan and Tel Aviv? Isn't the distance between Holon (where they wanted a flat) and Ramat Gan similar to that between Kfar Saba and Ramat Gan?

The Ministry of Absorption offered all these families rental flats, as it has been doing for the past month. The Ministry gives a written guarantee that it will provide permanent housing in the same area, contrary to what was implied in Mr. Ben-Adi's article. All the striking families were offered rental housing in the areas they had requested but unfortunately turned it down.

The Ministry of Absorption maintains its offers of rental housing with an undertaking to provide permanent housing in the area where the immigrants settle and work. We hope the families involved will accept these offers.

The claim that "no one has come to Sderot to speak to the families" is unfounded. There is a permanent representative of our Ministry at Sderot who deals with resident immigrants on fixed days. Otherwise, how does Mr. Ben-Adi imagine that the other 85 families were settled?

With regard to your report of February 15, "Newcomer gets flat after hunger strike," the claim that the Fradis family got housing in Jerusalem as a result of the strike is unfounded. In fact, the Fradis family had requested housing in the Tel Aviv area. They were clearly told that the Ministry of Absorption had no suitable flats available in Tel Aviv. On February 1, the Fradis family requested housing in Jerusalem. They were told they would do our best, and prior to the hunger strike, a suitable flat had been found and earmarked for the family.

**ARNON MANTVER, Spokesman Ministry of Absorption**  
Jerusalem, February 19.

### TRAFFIC COMMENTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — My husband and I travel on the roads of Israel every day save Shabbat. The drivers have outrageous driving habits, but the primary reason for this letter is to compliment the State of Israel on its fine roads and traffic light system. The red and amber lights are visible even when the sun is blindingly sharp. The green, however, because of the black background surface, is difficult to see in the bright sunlight until one is almost at the intersection. My suggestion is to paint the background surface around the green light white so as to give it strong contrast.

May I also compliment the marvellous girls who handle traffic jams with the greatest of ease. They are a credit to Israel's Traffic Police Force.

**FLORENCE J. FLINK**  
Ramat Aviv, February 19.

### NOT SOVIET LAND

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — My attention has been drawn to an article by your reporter published in your issue of January 4, 1973 under the caption "Soviets have embassy plot, if they want it."

Your reporter related information given by the City Engineer, Amikam Yaffe, that the property next to the Tirat Batseva Hotel opposite the Independence Park is owned by the Soviet government. Mr. Yaffe is gravely mistaken: The property is trust property of the Palestine Orthodox (Church) Society which has no connection and does not wish to be connected in any manner whatsoever with the Soviet government.

**M. SCHARF**  
Barrister-at-Law  
Jerusalem, February 15.

### THANK YOU, Mr. KISHON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Ephraim Kishon's article "Sorrow — Yes, Apology — No" (your paper of February 26) reminds me of the state of affairs at some royal courts during the Middle Ages, when only the court jester was allowed to speak the truth.

Mr. Kishon wields his pen in the defence of justice like a valiant knight his sword. If there were such a thing as knight-hood in Israel, Mr. Kishon should get it for this article alone.

**MIRA WEISS**  
Ramat Gan, February 28.

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Sir, — May we, through your kind offices, thank Ephraim Kishon most sincerely for putting into words our inarticulate and deep feelings about the Libyan plane tragedy in his term of understanding "Sorrow — Yes, Apology — No."

We hope he will forgive us the liberty we have taken in typing copies of it to send to our families in South Africa, England and America.

**SONIA and HY JACOBSON**  
Givatayim, February 27.

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Sir, — Bravo, Kishon! Today your article was one of your best — I'm sending it to my family in London.

**ANN COHEN**  
Kiron, February 26.

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HOW observant are our readers? Very observant. Three of them have sent us a clipping from the international edition of the Herald Tribune for February 27 (one of them all the way from Paris) and another from Geneva, pointing out that the weather report gives the temperature for Tel Aviv as 22 C.



with the observation "snow." One of the three, a meteorologist, adds: "During World War II, I was in charge of an RAF meteorological office not far from the West coast of Africa. From all meteorological stations the readings came in code and cipher, from neutral stations in cipher only, and from enemy (including Vichy France) stations, in undecipherable language. It was my job to decode these messages, put them in order, and hand them to a local junior to transcribe the data on a blank map from which I compiled the various weather charts and forecasts. The data were converted into conventional symbols on the map. The figure 9 in a certain place in the message meant extreme heat, while the figure 0 meant that it had snow."

One day I made a mistake in decoding and in July put the figure 0 at a weather station in the middle of the Sahara. The man whose job it was to transcribe these figures duly placed the snow symbol in the centre of the Sahara. When it came to drawing the isotherms the line simply wouldn't come out.

In due course I spotted the error and corrected it. The following conversation then ensued:

Me — Do you know what snow is?

He — Yes, Sir.

Me — What is it?

He — Tilja!

Me — Yes, I know that snow is tilja, but what is tilja?

He — Don't know, Sir.

Me — Then why did you make the sign for tilja?

He — White man never makes a mistake.

He was not an Arab, but a local Moslem. His educational standard was at least the equivalent of the University Entrance examinations of those days.

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AN immigrant from India approves the Chief Rabbi's call on Israelis to pray for rain two weeks ago — and recalls an occasion in the Kolaba district of India, in Revdanda village, when both Hindus and Moslems had offered prayers for a number of days but there was still no sign of rain. He continues:

"Under the leadership of the late Shalom Shapkur, a God-fearing and saintly Jew, men, women and children started one day early in the morning from our synagogue, 'Beth-El,' singing 'Praise ye the Lord for His mercy endureth for ever.' They walked two miles to reach a nearby mountain where they sacrificed a goat. Suddenly

clouds began to gather. It became very dark and began raining heavily. When they returned singing and dancing they found Hindu and Moslem gathered around and celebrating the rain."

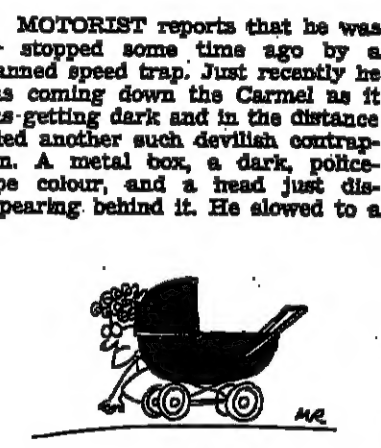
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WATER is also short in the United States nowadays. We have a report from Cherry Hill, New Jersey, where a woman named Tilly Spetgong walked into the City Hall carrying a brick. The councilman ducked under his desk. But she told him that all she wanted was to put one into every toilet tank in town. It would, she pointed out, save the own volume of water every time the toilet was flushed. If the average family of four flushes the tank 30 times a day, she figured, they would save 34 million gallons of water a year. (Population 65,000.) The Council was so impressed that they spent \$2,000 to buy 34,000 extra-hard bricks, the kind that won't break up in water. They sent out several hundred highschool kids to distribute the bricks, and they were delighted, because they felt they were doing something about the environment.

Of course one can also set the valve a little lower in the tank or, still better, use our economical system with a tap that turns on and off, but bricks are more appealing.

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A MOTORIST reports that he was stopped some time ago by a manned speed trap. Just recently he was coming down the Carmel as it was getting dark and in the distance spied another such devilish contraption. A metal box, a dark, police-like colour, and a head just appearing behind it. He slowed to a



stead 50 kms. an hour, holding up all the traffic, and swept by majestically. By that time, however, he had been able to see that the metal box was a van, with a baby inside, and the vanishing head belonged to the infant's mother, who was counting nothing worse than the stitches of her knitting. He took it as a good omen and went on driving carefully.

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